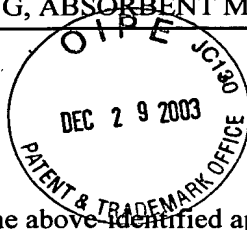


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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket No.:	RAY4066P0016US
Serial No.:	09/829,133	Filing Date:	April 9, 2001
Group Art Unit:	1771	Examiner:	Christopher C. Pratt
Applicants:	Erol Tan et al.		
Invention:	SOFT, STRONG, ABSORBENT MATERIAL FOR USE IN ABSORBENT ARTICLES		

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ A Petition for a 3 - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 14	MINUS - 20	= 0	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$-
INDEPENDENT 1	MINUS - 3	= 0	x \$42.00 =	\$	x \$ 84.00 =	\$-
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$140.00 =	\$	+ \$280.00 =	\$-
Total Fee				\$		\$-

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0785 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the claim filing fee.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$- to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ **Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Date: December 22, 2003

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